



## NORTH CAROLINA ARMY RETIREE COUNCIL

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20 September 2004

### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the North Carolina Army Retiree Council Meeting  
17 September 2004

1. The quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Army Retiree Council (NCARC) was called to order by Co-Chairman SGM(R) Law at 1400 hours, 17 September 2004 at the Ft. Bragg Officers' Club.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

SGM(R) Larry Law, Co-Chairman  
COL(R) Clifford M. Deal (III)  
COL(R) George F. Heberer (IV)  
COL(R) William F. Rawley Sr. (VI)  
LTC(R) Thomas E. Parsons (VIII)  
CSM(R) Rodney C. Deese (III)  
SGM(R) Frank M. Foronda (VII)  
MSG(R) Moses L. Best  
SFC(R) Richard A. Clemmons (IV)  
SFC(R) William E. Schone (VI)  
( ) indicates regional area

#### OTHERS PRESENT

2. SGM(R) Law gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. SGM(R) Law informed the Council that this meeting was primarily to initiate and/or review any issues that might be considered for submission to the CSA Army Retiree Council. The lack of presence by members of the active duty was by design, since the business was of a specific nature.
4. Committee Reports: MSG(R) Best reported that the AAFES General Manager, Connie Gordon, had indicated that she would be furnishing a number of items to be used as prizes for winners of the golf tournament as well as drawings prizes at both the golf tournament and the Friday evening dinner.

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5. Regional Reports:

Region III – Southern Piedmont – COL(R) Deal reported that there were 58 people at the regional 17 August meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 October. The subject that the guest speaker will address is TRICARE. He also asked if there had been update on the Paraglide mail out to the regional co-chairs.

Region IV – Triad – COL(R) Heberer stated that there had been no significant issues raised in his area.

Region VI – Triangle – COL (R) Rawley gave a report on the USO at the Raleigh-Durham Airport. He stated that COL Vicki Post, Ft. Bragg's Director of Community Activities and Services Business Center along with some 250 invited guests, mostly local business folks, were in attendance at the formal opening on 29 July 2004. The lounge is equipped with wide screen TV, two computers, games, food and drinks. The lounge located on the second floor in Terminal 'A' Extension and operates from 0700 to 2400 daily. He told the Council that this USO does not differ from any other USO, it is independently operated and must generate its own fiscal resources. Donations, which are tax deductible due to the USO's IRS 501(c)(3) status can be made directly to this USO. USO of North Carolina – RDU P.O. Box 91443 Raleigh, NC 27675. SFC(R) Schone stated that there are over 60 volunteers who rotate in manning the lounge which has provided services for 1500 service members and dependents monthly.

Region VII – Southeastern – SGM(R) Foronda stated that he had received a number of calls for retirees who had received letters notifying them that their claim for Combat Related Special Pay had been approved and that within 60 days of date of the letter payments, to include the retroactive pay, would start. More than 60 days has elapsed and they are still not in receipt of any pay. He was asked to keep on top of this and if there is not some relief in the very near future – the council will propose that an issue be forwarded to the CSA Army Retiree Council.

Region VIII – Coastal Plains – LTC(R) Parsons stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month a group of retirees in this area gather for breakfast and informal discussions reference retiree matters. This informal get together is open to any retiree interested in coming.

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6. Co-Chairmen Comments: SGM(R) Law thanked the Regional Co-Chairmen for attending and asked that those attending the RAD dinner this evening to please wear their NCARC Name Badges so that other folks might know who they are.

Next Meeting is scheduled to be held: 11 December 2004 at 0930 hours.

7. The Meeting adjourned at 1440 hours.

*Lawrence L. Law*

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Sergeant Major, USA Retired  
Co-Chairman

*Donald Latella*

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Colonel, USA Retired  
Co-Chairman

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